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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPOSAL ON UN BUDGETS

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1. MISSION STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT, BOTH IN NEW YORK ON UN BUDGET AND IN GENEVA ON SPECIALIZED AGENCY BUDGETS, BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH USSR SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL A LATER STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN THINKING AND ACTION ON THESE QUESTIONS.

2. DESPITE SOME SUPERFICIAL SIMILARITY IN US AND SOVIET THINKING ON FINANCIAL ISSUES, WE QUESTION WHETHER GENUINE US/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON TACTICS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN VIEW OF OUR DIFFERING UN OBJECTIVES. EVEN IF IT SHOULD PROVE POSSIBLE, THERE IS ALWAYS THE RISK THAT CONSPICUOUS US/SOVIET COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP WILL HARDEN LDC OPPOSITION TO BUDGET RETRENCHMENT AND COULD ALSO COMPLICATE THE TASK OF FAHIONING A COMMON WESTERN FRONT.

3. IF AT SOME POINT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ARE HELD WITH SOVIETS IN GENEVA, THEY SHOULD IN OUR VIEW BE LIMITED TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND CLEARLY EXCLUDE UN BUDGET.

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